

FRIDAY - 27 - AUGUST 1943

- 0001 Watch Continued - All quiet.
- 0100 Group operations advise us of an 18 ship formation navigational exercise; take-off 0900. L.T.A. - 1330.
- 0745 Green to ops.
- 0810 Cleared 18 ac thru wing 9/c for this morning's navigational flight plan.
- 0930 Called Capt. Somy - informing him that ac 163 had been towed from its disposal area, and Tower not advised of ac's movement. Above situation occurring at 2215 hrs. while night flying was in progress. Sig unit "2", short distance from field requested landing instructions. Alert crew immediately dispatched to light "T". On way to top of R/W, alert crew in jeep narrowly missed crashing into tail section. Waves have done so, had not driver of 6 li. track started warning in time. Alert crew claim they saw one dim light of the cl. track - but beyond that, could make nothing out.
- 0945 A.I.R. and Clearance Log dispatched.
- 1115 Group ops. instruct us to recall ac from navigational exercise. Msg. Sent + Receipted for.
- 1140 necessary calls made for M.P.S. & 6 li tracks to be here by 1150. - E.T.A. formation 1155.
- 1242 Last formation now in circuit.
- 1255 Off Watch Lt. Teterman

TIME

NARRATIVE

1300

On Watch, Lt. Conrad.

1630

Returned from 1500 operational briefing. Data follows: (Takeoff SE-NW. Predicted wind NW/20.)

TIMES

CODE WORDS

STATIONS - 1450.

START ENGINES - LETTUCE

TAXI - 1400

STAND BY - CARROT

TAKEOFF - 1510

DELAYED - CABBAGE

E.T.A. - 2024

SCRUBBED - BRUSSELS SPROUTS

OPS CALL SIGNS

368 Ag. - 9PV

369 Ag. - 1DQ

423 Ag. } - QB9.

367 Ag. }

Pilots briefed on fuelit posn. and characteristics being flashed. Also warned to keep sharp lookout for Aldis and ~~very~~ very signals.

1635

Completed arrangements for necessary MP's, cetracs, ambulances and firetenders.

1715

Have 1 Wing FC details of night flying program.

1845

Aerodrome YELLOW. Ops advised.

1945

Beacon on site, flashing 'QW'.

2100

Briefed pilots and navigators of 423 Ag. on site cross country, and called ~~the~~ clearances to 1 Wing FC.

2105

1 Wing FC advises that we may receive diversion of 20 RAF A/c.

2355

Contact strip goes out.